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The Heavy Officer's Bill.

Unique claims upon the governmen nual physical test required of naval officers. The order, which sought to es tablish an annual demonstration of physical fitness in the hope of encouraging regular exercise on the part of individ- galley west, and we are glad of it. uals, set forth three methods by which an officer might furnish evidence of his ing the exactness of these relative conditions.

It is interesting to know that some officers, who have been put to unusual expense in preparing for or in making reimbursement in the amounts they have weight which makes walking difficult and bicycle riding perilous, chose the horse as the means of satisfying the official requirement of agility and endurance. He was obliged to natronize a local mal. He was obliged to rent a horse of size and strength, and his preliminary rides and the three-day test itself were only conducted, it is understood, under many restrictions imposed by the liveryman. At all events, he emerged from this physical test about \$50 out of pocket. Another officer expended about half that sum in a similar act of public duty. to them money which they spent in performing public travel under official orders. It so happens, however, that the officers who rode or walked in the annual physical test have not been "ordered" to that during certain hours of the day appear

The Ideal Wife.

may have an ideal specimen when he being left on a corner when eager to go big men" of the Dismal Swamp. men who have wives are utterly free tances, passengers will crowd the first. From the Springfield Republica from a more or less haunting suspicion Perhaps that is because they will not bethat they may not be precisely ideal, in lieve that other cars are coming. The all human probability.

But what is an ideal wife, anyway? Is she one who never nags, and never excessively spends, and never is away from the wrong time? Is she one who never bothers around the business office during rush hours, or says disagreeable things about your neighbor's wife-whom so different that the ideal of one may be the bete noir of the other; and the home wherein every prospect pleases to this eye may be the home of grotesque the scientists say they must be, it is to and unenchanting proportions to that. be hoped it will not be discovered that

The only variety of wife we can think suasively to manage her husband and tempers. If she can keep him reasonably well pleased gastronomically, soothingly conscientious of a mild mental superiority, and smugly content that his business battle 'n Nicaragua! Those warriors judgment is never legitimately the tar- down there should be careful. If everyget of adverse criticism justly founded. she must, indeed, be very nearly ideal.

And this latter thought leads us to wonder if, after all, the ideal wife is The fact that Commander Peary is to There bubbles the shady spring below not much more numerous than mere man get \$1.20 per word for a forthcoming inclines to suspect generally. Doubtless magazine article probably will not occa
And watched the minnows poise and shoot, many a demure and sweetly innocent sion an acute crisis in the Outlook edi- And heard the robin lave his wife in this world would smile knowingly torial sanctum, however. enough were the suggestion thrown at The recess insurging of the anti-Can- Step lightly, for I love it still;

A man yelled to a woman a few yards ahead of him the other day, "Oh, you, kiado. Wait for me." A stranger promptly knocked him down. The woman was the man's wife, but the judge and was the man's wife, but the judge of that, that really counts.

Of that, that really counts.

Mr. Taft's refusal of a particularly appetizing mint julep in Macon is said to have grieved no little Congressman Bartlett's faithful old colored retainer.

Deel kindly with these orchard trees; And when your children crowd your knees, Their sweetest fruit they shall impart. As if old memories stir'd their heart; To youthful sport still leave the swing. And in sweet reverence hold the spring.—Thomas Buchanan Read.

on or gallant Galveston. It happened which he most undoubtedly did. in Pittsburg, Pa. Well?

Again Methuselah.

ess pertinent remarks a little while ago oncerning the senselessness of so-called "higher criticism" of the Bible, we made specific mention of the late Methuselah, welcome. and noted some recent scientific attempts in the philosophy of a certain investi- be no child's play. ..40 cents per month gator, and that by a rational reduction in accordance therewith, the patrireckon time nowadays, and not 969, as nignly and sufficiently. the editor will be printed except over the is duly accredited him in the Holy Writ. Manuscripts offered for publication will By a parallel process, the extreme lonreturned if unavailable, but stamps gevity alleged in the Bible with respect should be sent with the manuscript for to other famous characters suffered sim ilar revision.

newspaper, whether for the daily or the Bunday issue, should be addressed to one who knows his Bible well, moreoverand challenges this iconoclastic maltreatment of Methuselah, and to good purpose. If, he inquires, this wise man of of Methuselah's time was merely the month of to-day, how happens it that Enos became the father of Cainan at ninety, the which reduced to modern figpromise to be made by virtue of the an- And that Cainan became the father of proposal. His honor does not propose fraction less than six years? This, of course, is the reductio ad absurdum. It knocks downward revision of Methuselah

The real truth of the matter is, crtitcism of the Bible is dangerously tickability to perform his professional duties. lish business in any circumstances. It He could walk, propel a bicycle, or ride is best that it be taken, as heretofore Jacksonville Times-Union. A long stay allotted for the test being rendered in Our firm faith to believe is the sheet an- too frequently, sad to relate. the equivalent, presumably on a scientific chor of our hopes. We tamper with the basis, although there appears to be some very foundations of our spiritual strucdifference of expert opinion now regardture when we question too critically ties in Spain that would materialize if Editor of "Dickensian" Says Sam where we may not invariably under- we only knew! stand.

After all, there was something to say even for the old minister upon whom the very bad boys played the questionhere turning the two pasted pages and steal from The Washington Herald. continuing-"the breadth of fifty cubits been, he questioned it not, but, lifting his "still" a better word? eyes, remarked to his congregation having read this before, but I direct your attention to the fact that it justifies the Word wherein elsewhere it is writ 'There were giants in those days,' and that some of us are 'fearfully and wonderfully made."

The happiest people are those who do These officers believe they should be repended, just as they would have refunded to them money which they sport in per-

The Crowded Street Car Complaints of overcrowded street cars

demonstration. The adroit officials of the to be common to all cities in the United Navy Department have simply "author- States. The strap-hanger is everywhere, ized" an officer to take a physical test and the aching arms and weary feet do in the West. Some of this opposition is due to "at his convenience." This seems to be not grow less. The conclusion of an prejudice. a saving clause and is a resort to dis-official of Kansas City, after a tour of criminating phraseology which does the comparative investigation, is that "when From the Kansas City Star naval administration infinite credit as a there is a business rush, there is a street contribution to public economy. The cor- car rush, and if there is no street car pulent naval officer, therefore, who was rush it means that there is no business an organization might accomplish great good. obliged to draw upon his personal income rush." That is to say, congestion of to perform a test upon the results of riders makes the busy hours in street From the Philadelphia Public Ledger. which depend his continuance on the ac- cars, as in restaurants and banks. One Rumor that the sugar trust proposes to oust tive list, finds that he is "authorized" trouble seems to be that the American Collector Loeb somehow recalls the old allegation

The rule in Paris that no man can ride Now that Chicago has definitely lo- in a filled public vehicle would be wildly "model" husband, which must be pretty Kansas City conductor whose car was National Capital. There will be an advance by an Weller. much the same thing-it is interesting to full did not halt for more waiting pas- army of office-seekers and those who seek offices for learn that a Philadelphia clergyman has sengers; but when he stopped to let a woman alight, an angry crowd pulled the We suspect it would be pleasant to trolley from the wire and boarded the From the New York Sun. know just what sort of wife an ideal car while it was being put back. The does acquire one, of course. Very few somewhere. If cars are run at short disremedy does not appear, and investigations seem inconclusive.

home at the wrong time, or at home at theless and notwithstanding, that "faker." "liar," and "fraud" not only add nothing to a north pole argument of any possible value otherwise, but that they positively up with him. Still, they will not receive much pity. operate to discredit it primarily

you think particularly pretty, perhaps? The Democratic vote in Virginia was Is she all of these things, or some of cut down sharply this year, as was also them, or none of them? We confess we the Republican vote in Massachusetts. do not know. Tastes are so varied and A good many people in this country seem to be more or less discontented, politically, one way or another.

> And after the flies are exterminated, as the flies held in check something worse.

of who might be designated even ap
The per capita wealth of the United Is the lowly home where I was born;

proximately ideal, we fear, is the one States is \$1,318.11. Anticipating your The peach tree leans against the wall, And the woodbine wanders over all; who can discover how best and most per- petulant inquiry, gentle reader, your at- There is the shaded doorw tention is called to the fact that large But a stranger's foot has cross'd the sill. adapt herself to his varying moods and sections of various per capitas are en- There is the barn, and, as of yore

> More than a hundred killed in a recent His sheaves are piled to the heated roof. body is killed in the present revolution there will be nobody to kill in the one next week.
>
> Where my children my children my children my children will be nobody to kill in the one in the work.
>
> Where my children my childr

her precipitately and without giving her time to consider it at any considerable length.

The recess insurging of the anti-can been length on the precipitately and without giving her nonites has been quite interesting and not unbeautiful to see. It is what happens when Congress is in session, for all the precipitately and when you crowd the old barn caves, the pens when Congress is in session, for all the precipitately and without giving her nonites has been quite interesting and not unbeautiful to see. It is what happens when Congress is in session, for all the precipitately and without giving her nonites has been quite interesting and not unbeautiful to see. It is what happens when Congress is in session, for all the precipitately and when you crowd the old barn caves, the precipitately and when you crowd the old barn caves, the precipitately and when you crowd the old barn caves, the precipitately and when you crowd the old barn caves, the precipitately and the precipitate

discharged the stranger, averring that who concocted it. Doubtless, however, his act was that of a real gentleman. the latter interesting personage felt bet-This did not happen in chivalric Charles- ter after he had disposed of it himself-

"Relations always give us a lot of trouble, whether they are foreign or domestic," says the Baltimore Sun. Es-Having been moved to some more or pecially poor relations, presumably.

> The prompt denial from Africa was neither short nor ugly, but it was very

"Uncle Joe" Cannon avers that he does to revise his age downward. Attention not care a "hoot"-that being Latin for Your bonny bride sits by your side was called to the fact that years were something else-if he does snore in the really months in earlier Biblical times, Pullmans. Reforming "Uncle Joe" is to

arch's age ought to be set down as hav- the Martian prohibitionists have a sysing been a fraction over eighty, as we tem that beats the earthly variety be- Plunkville Palladium. "Ten cents a line

Mr. Gaynor is going to be hard put to it to keep the wolf from Tammany's door during the forthcoming four years.

"Cook must act at once," says the Jackson (Miss.) News. Well, let us hope it is not to be in "Uncle Tom's Cabin," anyway.

Soda water dispensers say that the winter season is now almost, if not quite modern times is so sure that the year as profitable as the summer. And yet there remain people who do not believe women are constantly widening their sphere of endeavor.

A Nebraska judge has decided that a ures would be seven and one-half years? kiss does not necessarily constitute a stick him for the drinks." Mahalaleel at seventy, or, reduced, a that there shall be one sort of law for the seashore and another for the interior.

A man was run over by three automo biles down South the other day. The only possible silver lining we see to this cloud is that the autos bunched their hits "After football, what?" inquires the

a horse, the distance in the three days suggested, just as it is, without one plea. in the hospital, and even the grave, all

"What will cotton do?" asks the Raleigh News and Observer. Ah, the cas-

"Gov. Haskell has been lambasted from soda to hock, from string beans to hell splits, and we'll swear it begins to look like he was about the cleanest of the much a reality as any personage in hisable joke of pasting two pages of his bunch," says the Oklahoma Times. Apro-Bible together in such wise that he read: pos of certain statements heretofore "And the rib which the Lord God had made, we arise to remark that this is one eral public, and therefore worth recordtaken from man made He a woman"- paragraph the Oklahoma Times did not

"The press agent is again taking and the height of thirty cubits." Mo- mighty good care of Mr. Roosevelt," mentarily astounded though he may have notes a contemporary. "Again?" Is not Dickens took the name of his famous tang.

inherited a large slice of the proverbial allowed to go unchallenged. "Roosevelt luck."

ANENT PUBLIC MEN.

Mr. Cannon's Decalogue. the Topeka Capital.

ward by omitting the Third Commandment.

From the Dallas News.

shrewdly. Much of the opposition to his scheme is of these days.

Mr. Spreckels Against Graft. Rudolph Spreckels and Francis Heney, of San

Francisco, are planning a national organization fight municipal graft and political corruption. Suc

Mr. Loeb as a Halter.

The President's Return.

From the Philadelphia Press.

Mr. Wilson Acclaimed,

wife is, or could be, or should be. Every average rider seems willing to endure beman who has no wife devoutly hopes he ing squeezed in a packed car, but resents world" by the Hon. Josephus Daniels, one of "the a well-known residence there."

Mr. Fairbanks' Sacrifice.

sensationalism anything that has come from Africa in recent months. Mr. Fairbanks, while in the far East, has sacrificed his familiar chin whisker, so

Mr. Roosevelt's Entourage. From the Chicago Record-Herald.

Col. Roosevelt on his African hunting trip are al-They knew before they started what was coming to

Mr. Taft on Waterways.

From the Omaha Bee. Mr. Taft is unquestionably sound in his argument great waterway highway from the Lakes to the Gulf is as much a single enterprise, regardless of im mediate local ambitions in any part of the valley,

as is the Panama Canal. THE STRANGER ON THE SILL.

Between the broad fields of wheat and corn

gaged in benevolently chasing hook- I can smell the hay from the open door, And see the busy swallows throng, And hear the pewee's mourtful song;

But the stranger's children are swinging there.

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

A REAL JOY RIDE. The real thing in joy rides Is taken in a hack, Its wheels bedight with ribbons white

And streamers at its back. The real thing in joy rides Is very nice, very nice. Your friends enthuse with ancient shoes

And shining grains of rice. The real thing in joy rides Is truly hard to beat.

Upon the cushioned seat.

Poetical Rates.

moisture whatever on Mars." Evidently, have you publish at your usual terms." "All right," said the editor of the for one insertion, or we will run it thirty times for \$6."

"What will happen when women have

"I expect there will be a big rush nong the young men to get out the good-looking vote.'

Barely Possible. Oh, the airship, lately roasted, Has acquired a wider range. We may see this offer posted: 'Autos taken in exchange.

Fair Game. "He has a theory that women are not fit to be trusted with money." "Introduce me. It ought to be easy to

"The grandfather acquired wealth as a dealer in seal oil and whale blubber. The son's greatest ambition was to learn the

Three Generations.

"And the grandson?" "He wants to forget the business." The Dictionary Man. "We have ascertained the composer of this old song, but we don't know to

whom to attribute the words.' 'In that case, just credit the words to Noah Webster.' ORIGIN OF THE WELLERS.

Was Make-up of Several Persons. B. W. Matz, in London Daily News, Sam Weller, like many of the characters in the novels of Charles Dickens, is as

concerning him are of interest to the gening. There has been appearing in the press during the last day or two a story from a man possessing the name of George Weller, living in Ramsgate, in plenty of corn, pumpkins, pitchforks, and which he states that "it is quite true that lanterns, and the cider had the proper Senator "Jeff" Davis says Mr. Taft is facts in regard to the origin and name "four-flusher." Mr. Taft seems to have of the immortal Sam, and should not be older maiden who worked as fast as

Mr. Victor Murdock says Mr. Speaker
Cannon "talks through his hat." Mr. that of a servant in the employ of the consoled by the knowledge that incorporates manual training into its cur-Cannon "talks through his hat." Mr. that of a servant in the employ of the cannon does not say how Mr. Murdock Dickens family when residing in Ordnance types of husking merrymakers. After the the Romans had their troubles 2,000 years Cannon does not say how Mr. Murdock Dickens family when residing in Ordnance types of husking merrymakers. After the Romans had their troubles not say how Mr. Murdock Dickens family when residing in Ordnance types of husking merrymakers. After the Romans had their troubles not years ago, and that the suffragette is not ago, and the suffagette is not ago, and t High street there. This last fact probably suggested further the sign of Mrs. Weller's hostelry at Dorking, the Marquis rofessor who wants to revise the Decalogue down- Youth of Dickens," is not a very violent

Theater on August 27, 1811, again in 1822, has extensive plans for carrying out the gallant language concerning their auto quantities in Nebraska and some adjoint and which was very popular from 1830-36 same idea. Its programme calls for an dacious attempt to interfere with politics; long States is evidence of former volcanic at the Surrey and other playhouses. Sam weller was introduced into "The Pick-charitable institutions, the National Mu-sentence," As soon as they have begun to the rapid expansion of gases in lava, due to discharge an obligation, and he must

"pay the freight."

"pay here again is another suggestion for Sam Weller's name. Sam Vale—Sam Safety at a Celebration. Valer-Sam Veller. Convert the "V"

But there is some confusion about the Slowly but irresistibly the Hon. James Wilson ens lived at Broadstairs, and you may re-

Now, Dickens first went to Broadstairs for a summer holiday in 1837, and there put the finishing touches to "The Pickwick Papers," in his lodgings in the High street there. So, if we agree that Dickens met the Ramsgate, Mr. Weller on this, his first visit to Broadstairs, George Weller's statement is a little confusing, since Sam Weller had been created at least a year previously. George Weller's state-ment about "Bleak House" is also inname of his book "froin a well-known the people. In the accidents which occurred there was nothing to indicate that dence" of that name at Broadstairs was 'Fort House" in Dickens' time, and was with the celebration. then his own house. Some time after he left it the new tenant renamed it as a compliment to the novelist From Bon Vivant. who had just commenced his new serial novel with that title. The Bleak House Mr. Taft is unquestionably sound in his argument of the story, as a matter of fact, was Sa femme de chambre—No, ma'am; they against piecemeal apportionment. The plan for a located at St. Albans, and not a line of haven't finished what I gave them the the novel was even written at Broad- other day yet. stairs.

> Agreed with the Court. From the Dundee Advertiser,

A lawyer came into court drunk, when the judge said to him: "Sir, I am sorry to see you in a situation which is a disgrace to yourself and family, and the profession to which you This reproof elicited the following coi-

"Did your honor speak to me?" "I did, sir, I said, sir, that, in my epinion, you disgraced yourself and family, the court, and the profession by your ourse of conduct.

"May i-i-it please your honor, I have been an attorney in—in—in this c-court for fifteen years, and, permit me to say, your honor, that this is the first correct opinion I ever knew you to give."

Very Tame.

From the Chicago Record-Herald,

"Did you have any thrilling adventures while you were mountain climbing in Switzerland?" "No; it wasn't half as difficult or exciting as crossing one of Chicago's torn-up

Another Reason. From the Kansas City Times.

"He called his jug of whisky a birdcage, because it had many swallows in "Yes, and also it gives him bats in his

PEOPLE AND THINGS

The rule of this method of calcu- and scarcity of food. lation is to include all contiguous areas having 10,000 or more inhabitants to the square mile. This would place the population of New York at 4,232,000, of Chi-Boston 756,000. That of London in 1905 warmth and plenty, but why do they and he occupied more room than domestic An astronomer claims that there is "no proud author, "which I should like to of London, which it will overtake in of the way beset with danger? Why do be had only by great landowners and population, if the rate is maintained, population, if the rate is maintained, some hardy species that can live and poachers. God made the country and man within twenty years. But this method grow fat among the snow banks follow, made the town, but as man increases requires care in application, which would be almost sure of dispute in rival cities. Thus the influence of a metropolis may extend beyond State lines, as New York and at times lead their weaker fellows to the mild latitudes? The migration is a mystery, and it probably will remain one until man learns better how to interpret vastly more interesting than farmers and and Philadelphia may be said figurative- the ways of nature. ly to meet in New Jersey.

the citizens should spend their money at home. But Nashville is not isolated, and its business with the outer world keeps on growing. The deeper significance of the movement seems to be an ambition to everywhere were to be an ambition. ion of the region roundabout, whose people buy and sell in Nashville, might promote the desired result.

Atlanta is to vote upon the question of bond issue, and a committee of citizens is holding meetings in every ward. The It does not appear in the published appeals to support the propositions why private enterprise may not be trusted supply the crematories. But the advo ates of the bond issue are showing hemselves very much in earnest.

A Boston Husking Bee.

The old-fashioned husking bee celebratcorn crops. Then the neighbors gathered in the barn and after the work, there place of a maple-sugar party. There was migration. There was the coy maid character from my grandfather." This found the red ear and tried to hide it is contrary to the known and oftquoted in vain, and then blushingly paid the penalty, while trying to keep her face covered by her hands; there was the her fingers possibly could work to dis- man life, which Prof. Abbott (in his in universities, and clergyme

Mexico's Centennial. of Granby. The transition from Tommy centenary of the beginning of its revolt except for religious purposes. Later, when Weller to Tony Weller, says Robert Lang- against Spanish rule, which resulted in prosperity had returned and the Roman Uncle Joe can be counted on by the Harvard ton in his book, "The Childhood and independence after years of struggle, women very naturally wished to resume be given to Nebraska," said Harry F. Hidalgo, the priest who led the rebellion, their finery and to drive about in their Williams, of Omaha, Nebr., who was seen one, and the origin of this celebrated character is obvious enough. Many a character and scene in Dickens early writings were the outcome of the novelist's early association with Chatham life lived in medieval days, but the celebration at home persuaded two of the at the National last night. "Practically tribunes to propose a repeal of the law, have remained unquestioned, and his memory is to receive high honors. He lived in medieval days, but the celebration at home petiter by persuaded two of the at the National last night. "Practically tribunes to propose a repeal of the law, deposits of this substance, in all stages of consolidation, from fairly solid rock Undoubtedly Senator Aldrich has chosen his course ist's early association with Chatham life lived in medieval days, but the celebration at home neither by persuasion, modesty, to fine dust. of these days.

If Dickens modeled his character of Sam upon any one it was on the imaginary to observe the centenary by paving Forum, importuning men to vote for the it is a volcanic product," continued Mr. Simon Spatterdash, a character in the streets, and in other parts of Mex-restoration of their rights. farce entitled "The Boarding House," ico public improvements are to be inlayed for the first time at the Lyceum augurated. The federal government also posed to them, and used the most un- industry, "and its presence in such large wick Papers" in 1836. Simon Spatterdash seum, public monuments, and parks, be your equals they will be your su- to sudden release of pressure, which was continually uttering what have since Whatever may go to mere show, there is periors!" ecome known as "Wellerisms," and a to be a fine lot of permanent improve- attained that position without casting a completely shatter the lava into dust, in selection of them will be found in a pamments to make the celebration memorable. ballot. This seems like a Northern programme. The

cated the ideal husband—or, at least, the broken in an American city. Thus, a week will be the signal for an onslaught upon the Weller himself would have put it—Sam mark. The surface, elevated, and subinto a "W" and there you are, as Sam York City seem to have earned one white gard to women among the Romans; and is made into polishing powder or incorway lines carried 47,834,103 passengers dur Ramsgate George Weller's story. He says: "They (that is, Dickens and his grandfather) knew each other, and were death resulting from accident in handling also suggests the origin of the American on friendly terms during the time Dick- the enormous crowds. The public service slang use of "thirty cents" as a mark commission kept careful watch upon the of low value. title | transportation lines during the celebration ling of the immense traffic. Figures from these reports have been sent by the commission to the Hudson-Fulton committee During the period mentioned there were only twenty accidents resulting in injury to passengers, of which seven occurred or September 25, seven on September 28, five on September 30, and one on October 2. be charged. The other rail lies in the This is lower than the average number of county. The passengers insist upon ridaccidents in ordinary traffic, and, in the ing on the city side for fear that they opinion of the commission, shows the at- may have to pay more if they ride on tention and care exercised in the provifor Dickens did not take the sions made for the safe transportation any one of them was directly connected | From Tit-Bits.

Mme. Crapaud-Have you given some fresh water to the goldfish, Anna?

MYSTERIES OF BIRD LIFE.

From the Chicago Evening Post.

The hermit thrushes are feeling the

The mystery of the cause of the migration has never been explained. It is no Canadian, "than there ever were before, cago at 1,758,000, Philadelphia 1,273,000, by hunger and cold will seek a land of not so good eating as the stall-fed ox, would be 5,581,000. It is calculated that leave it to come back over thousands of fed cattle. Even venison is admitted to

Nashville's Home Exhibit.

Nashville has been having an exhibit of travel. Hundreds of thousands of the voyagers perish every spring and fall in enough for millions and millions in Cantal Can that is exploited is the manufacture of shoes, and citizens are encouraged to patronize the local industry in order to icrease employment. It is urged that few. The sea and lake coasts are strewn yet to be written, and you may rest asto encourage manufacturing industries of courses are lost to them they fly blindly the fascination that takes possession of to encourage manufacturing industries of a more diversified nature. The co-operation of the region roundabout, whose pea- towers and tall buildings. No species of on a military career, the whole matter

night travel. Golden-crowned thrushes, point of view, kinglets, and veerles kill themselves by necessary. What is the navy for, then? scores daily by flying against windows through which the light from some farnoney is needed for extending the water ther window shines deceivingly. Sharp therefore friendly to us. Is the Canadiand sewer systems. The statement is shinned and Cooper's hawks hang on the an navy intended to be used against made that these need improvement in flanks and rear of the migrating hosts American encroachment? I don't know. rder to promote immunity from possible and strike down the stragglers. The I'm asking you! order to promote immunity from possible and strike down as gantlet of shotguns spidemic in the hot weather. A bond game birds run a gantlet of shotguns speaking of manual training of chilssue of \$3,000,000 is desired for these pur-poses and for the public schools, a hos-and beyond. The wonder grows year by dren, Prof. J. H. McMichael, of Philaome back to the April fields.

journey from Alaska to Patagonia. Some ever reach the higher grades. embers of the warbler family, seem-The Vermont Association of Boston has through the ages and have added their a trifle in spelling and composition? just enjoyed such a merry-making, in own puzzle to the general mystery of the

WOMEN IN CATO'S DAY.

No Easy Job for Ancient Boss to Defeat Organized Roman Matrons. From the Outlook.

Previous commentators and authorities cover as many red ears as she could; "Society and Politics in Ancient Rome") manual training made them better citihave recorded the fact that the name of there was the older woman of family presents at close range, is the position zens, and their academic training was of Cannae, when Rome had to call out the this means to the city when I tell you last reserve resources, a law was passed forbidding any woman to wear a parti-Mexico next year will celebrate the colored garment or to ride in a charlot

Clodia, whose character had more aspects porated in abrasive soaps, than could be wisely described in these columns, was called by Caelus "a 3-cent influence with the Democratic party to

One-sided Cars.

Tacoma dispatch in San Francisco Chronicle. Since the street car company increased the suburban fares, the conductors on in either.' the Regent's Park line have had their troubles. One rail of this line lies in the be charged. The other rail lies in the the other side, and the cars list like half- Shoreham. "At last he came and the on of loaded schooners

How Men Get There.

"Mamma," said little Elsie, "do men ever get to heaven?" "Why, of course, my dear. What makes

"Because I never see any pictures of angels with whiskers." 'Well," said the mother, thoughtfully, "some men do go to heaven, but they get there by a close shave.'

"The railroad and the wheat farm are The real population of a city is not pinch of cold and are moving silently moving up toward the Arctic Circle," said necessarily the number of people within southward, with the fox sparrows and Martin N. Pepper, a railroad engineer of its political boundaries. It is in reality the whitethroats keeping them good com- Toronto, Canada, at the New Wilfard last composed of those dependent upon the pany. They have been preceded by a night, "The world is not half so mystecentral community. In this sense New great army of songsters less well equip- rious and wonderful as it was to our an-York City would be considered as in- ped to stand the hardships of northern cestors. Beauty and the picturesque are cluding Jersey City, Hoboken, and New- campaigning under conditions of frost everywhere sacrificed to utility. They have to be.

AT THE HOTELS.

"There are more people," continued the It is impossible to estimate with anything like accuracy the losses to the bird farm, as that in turn must yield to the mechanics, but they are not so useful

bird is exempt from these night perils.

From humming bird to great blue heron they are done to death in multitudes.

The dangers are not all confined to the

year that so many of the birds survive to delphia, who was seen at the Arlington. said that only one-seventh of the total One species of plover makes the yearly number of children in our public schools

members of the warbler family, seem-ingly the frailest of our birds, travel by night stages from Canada to the interior "but the trouble is not there. We must of Mexico. The winter homes of nearly in some way train the children in the all of our birds have been located, but no man yet knows the winter resort of is here that the real crux of the mated in times of yore the gathering of the the great hosts of chimney swifts, erter lies. A great majority of these chilswallows: The swifts leave and they teen years, and are totally unfit to cope come back, and beyond this science with existing conditions. They must be was the dance. It was a revel that beat knows little or nothing. These familiar taught in some degree in school to use church sociables and holiday festivals. birds of summer have held their secret their hands. What if they do fall back

"There exists in many quarters a great misapprehension in regard to the manual The only difference between them and a regular high school is that they drop Latin and Greek, and take up shop in struction instead. We have graduated whom are tradesmen. They are busi-Among other interesting phases of Ro- ness men, professional men, professors

> that to-day in Philadelphia, 2,600 boys schools."

It is a volcanic product," continued Mr Cato was the leader of the party op- Williams, who is interested in the pumice American women have already either forces a light, porous rock, or may which state it may be transported great "In the western part of Nebraska there be added reason for rejoicing.

Safety at a Celebration.

The transportation facilities of New Yeak City research to the control of the pumice of the volcanic 'ash' used in the United States

> nee for the Presidential ticket, unless he wishes to have his own name head the ticket. There is nothing like perseverance, and if Bryan were nominat would be elected. The American people admire perseverance and consisten no one can accuse Mr. Bryan of lacking

"The teacher of one of the rooms in a city, where not more than five cents can school in the suburbs of Cleveland had been training her pupils in anticipation of a visit from the school commissioner." said George S. Wells, of Pittsburg, at the classes were called out to show their at-

The arithmetic class was the first called, and in order to make a good impres-sion, the teacher put the first question to

'Johnny, if coal is selling at \$6 a ton and you pay the coal dealer \$24, how nany tons of coal will he bring you? "Three,' was the prompt reply from

"The teacher, much embarrassed, said, 'Why, Johnny, that isn't right,' " 'Oh, I know it ain't, but they do it, anyhow.

"I expect to live long enough to see Alaska have 1,000,000 inhabitants," said Alexander J. Thompson of that Territory and Seattle. "If Alaska were populated as thickly as the Scandinavian countries," continued Mr. Thompson, who is at the Riggs, "it would have more than 20,000,000 people, and I maintain it could support that number as easily and comfortably as Norway, Sweden, and Den-7,500,000. Alaska has four times the arable land of these countries, and its great valleys will at no distant day be transformed into productive farms and stock ranches. mineral wealth of the hasn't been scratched, but I forbear to speak of that lest I seem to exaggerate. It is a subject, however, about which exaggeration is almost impossible. In the mere item of coal we have enough for the world's indefinite consumption and of a quality equal to Pennsylvania's best "Where I live the climate is nearly like that of Glasgow, Scotland, the year round. We have a district that contains

an average of 2,000 people, and the town has waterworks electric lights, and other ritory there are eleven daily newspapers.' More Dodging.

From the Buffalo News.

St. Louis is about to have automobile hearses. The most pessimistic pessimist we ever saw didn't even dream of a time when we would have to dodge funerals.

THE GIFTED HOMER.

When Homer lived and drew his breath, no city would acknowledge him, but seven claimed him when King Death came up behind and doused his glim. I've wondered why town after town, in those effulgent, vanished days, would turn the good old poet down, and laugh to scorn his handsome bays. But lately an inquiring soul, while digging in an ancient tomb, dug up a yellow, faded scroll, which he translated in his room. The writer, crumbled now to dust, for ages numbered with the dead, goes on to say: "I'd like to bust old Homer's bat-infested head. I meet him at all sorts of times, and every time he sees me come he starts reciting bughouse rhymes that always put me on the bum. He packs around a manuscript, and when he meets a bunch of gents he reads until he has them hipped, and feeling much like thirty cents. Twelve times we've chased him out of town, a dozen times he hustled back, and pulled some copy from his gown, and put us all upon the rack. I meet him on the courthouse square, he gets me when I milk the cow; I meet the rascal everywhere-and so I take the hemlock now." WALT MASON.

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